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IT MAY REGULATE ITSELF.

Solution of the China-town Question.

March of Progress Likely to Result in Driving John Away.

Pleasanton may get rid of its Chinatown after all without going to extreme measures. The Chinamen appreciating the fact that they are not wanted, and not desiring to excite public sentiment to any extreme, have about decided to hunt quarters outside the thickly settled parts of town.

Some of the kings of Chinatown have been looking about for a suitable place to locate. It is their purpose to purchase an acre or more of land on the outskirts of town and construct there an up to date Chinatown.

The plan was unfolded to a member of the Board of Health a few days ago when he was on a tour of inspection through the Chinese quarters on Main street. The Chinamen told him that too many of their countrymen were locating here to find accomodation in their section of Main street. They admitted that they congregated so thickly on the sidewalks in front of their houses as to be a nuisance to the white people.

One of the Chinamen informed the member of the health board that he had his eye on a piece of land beyond the race track and that if he could make terms with the owner the chances were that the property would be purchased and Chinatown located on it.

Drank Coal Oil.

Paul, the little son of Deputy Postmaster Carr, drank a quantity of coal oil last Tuesday without any injurious offects. The little fellow was playing with a bottle supposed to be partly filled with water. His mother noticed him drink the contents but thought nothing of it until he began to cough and choke. Investigation proved that the lad had swallowed about half a cup full of coal oil. Dr. Hershiser was hastily summoned and applied remedies which soon relieved the young fire-eater.

NOT A GIFT.

J. A. Bilz Wins His Suit Against George Davis.

The civil action of J. A. Bilz against George Davis was tired Thursday before Justice Brophy and a jury, and resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for the amount sued for and costs. Bilz sold Davis a cart some time ago but when the bill was presented the latter claimed that the carriagemaker had made him a present of the rig in consideration of giving Bilz the trade of the Lilienthal ranch. Bilz was struck with horror at the idea. He was not in business for his health and could not figure any profit in building carts and giving them away.

The evidence was strongly in Bilz's favor, and it took the jury but a few minutes to arrive at a verdict. D. M. Connor represented Bilz. T. W. Harris, who aspires to be a limb of the law, made his maiden effort as attorney for the defense.

Children's Day.

The last Sunday in June will be Children's Day at the Presbyterian church and as far as possible the evening services will be conducted by the little folks. A choir of twenty children will render the music, and they are now being trained for that purpose. The pyramid mission boxes will be collected on that occasion.

—Large quantities of cherries are being shipped from Pleasanton.

Don't thin your blood with sassafras or poison it with blue-mass; but aid Nature by using De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for constipation, billousness and stomach and liver troubles. They are purely vegetable. Cutler & Silver.

DISTRICT UNION FORMED.

Young Christians Join Hands.

Organization of the Vallecitos Christian Endeavor Union.

Sunol fairly outdid itself last Sunday in the hospitable treatment extended the members of the different Christian Endeavor Societies and Epworth Leagues which met there to form a district C. E. Union. The meeting was held in the Congregational church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with flowers, evergreens and C. E. emblems and banners. There were delegations present from Pleasanton, Dougherty Station, Livermore, and Sunol,

A lively discussion followed the suggestion of a name for the organization. Miss Ellis of Sunol moved to christen it Vallecitos C. E. Union of Murray township, and this was the title finally adopted.

The constitution passed upon provides for the promotion of Endeavor work in the township, and for rallies and conventions to be held at such times as may be decided upon by the pastors of the different churches and the executive committee, which will consist of the officers of the Union and the presidents of the different local societies.

The officers selected follow: Ed. J. McDermot, president; Miss Lucy Ellis, first vice-president; G. Palmer, second vice-president; Miss R. B. Clark, corresponding secretary; T. H. Silver, recording secretary; Mr. Brown, treasurer; Mrs. S. K. Trefry, junior superintendent.

After the business meeting adjourned lunch was served the guest by the Sunol Endeavorers. In the evening there was a rally at which addresses were made by Mr. Lowell, Rev. Alexander of Livermore, Mr. McDermot, and Rev. Strong of Sunol.

The Final Party.

The final party of the Pleasanton Euchre Club was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Detjens. Frank Lewis was the host. Despite the fact that there was another little social affair in town that evening, there was a full attendance and the usual good time resulted. When the evening's playing was over the expressions of regret that the pleasant series of parties was at an end were heard on all sides. Last year the club gave a ball at the end of the games, but it has not yet been decided what will be done this year as a befitting finale to a series of most pleasant social gatherings. In addition to the regular members of the club there were present Saturday night Miss Frankie White, Miss Cora Culter, Thomas Silver, Bert Lewis.

A Sign of Prosperity.

J. L. Weilbye has the plans prepared for a two story building which he intends to erect on his Main street property adjoining the Palo Alto restaurant. Work on the structure will be commenced shortly. It will be situated close to the line of the Wise property and provisions will be made for a small alleyway between it and the Palo Alto restaurant.

Foresters' Election.

Court Alisal, Foresters of America, elected the following officers last Monday night: Charles Bruce, Chief Ranger; Fred Snarey, Sub Chief Ranger; Robert Helms, Recording Secretary; Bruce Pickard, Senior Warden; Will Brown, Junior Warden; Charles White, Senior Beadle; Arthur Platt, Junior Beadle.

A CHANCE TO LAUGH.

Program of the Artisans' Entertainment Tonight.

The entertainment this evening in Rose Hall under the auspices of Mistletoe Assembly, United Artisans, will undoubtedly draw a full house. The show promises to be first class, judging from the amount of work the participants have put in on their parts. The program will consist of two farces, "Raising the Wind," and "His Last Legs." The cast of characters is as follows:

"Raising the Wind"—A Smart Aleck, Frank Lewis; Drawit Milde, T. H. Silver; Michael O'Slithergan, R. H. Magill, Jr.; Miss Lavender Silke, Mrs. Julia Hershiser; Miss Posey Blossom, Mrs. Sophie Magill; Miss Hortense Van De Rella, Mrs. Laura Bruce.

"His Last Legs"—Carl Von Tiedeman, G. W. Detjens; Mr. Rivers, Harold Hewitt; Charles, T. H. Silver; Dr. Banks, B. R. Lewis; Mrs. Montague, Miss Cora Cutler; Julia, Mrs. Ada Detjens; Betty, Miss Frankie White.

Tickets are for sale at Cutler & Silver's drug store where reserved seats can be secured. As the advance sale is very large, we would give a gentle hint for those who have not already done so to secure seats while there are a few choice ones left.

Missionary Meeting.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will hold a meeting next Tuesday afternoon in the church parlors. The session will be one of special interest. Mrs. Burbank will address the ladies.

—A fractious horse jumped on one of Ben Carrol's feet last Monday. Aside from severely bruising his instep no damage was done.

Sick headache can be quickly and completely overcome by using those famous little pills known as "De Witt's Little Early Risers." Cutler & Silver.

A BICYCLE TOURNAMENT.

Crack Riders to Race Here.

A Day of Great Sport for Wheelmen Has Been Arranged.

Pleasanton is going to have a big bicycle carnival a week from tomorrow, June 20th. It will be one of the events of the season, and if it is successful, as it undoubtedly will be, Pleasanton will become one af the circuit towns for all important bicycle teams that race in this State.

J. H. Gensler, who has charge of the Olympic Circuit visited town Monday and before his departure had made the necessary arrangments to bring his string of crack riders here to race on the date mentioned. It includes such men as Zeigler, Jones and other equally well known riders. The Stock Farm track has been secured for the event and will be put in thorough condition. The racing men will probably come here Monday and will at once go into training.

Besides the professional races a number of heats between amateurs will be arranged. Some of the local riders will complete and entries from the speedy Oakland and San Francisco cyclists are assured. To cover the expenses of the affair Mr. Gensler asked a guarantee of $200 and this amount was subscribed by the business men and merchants in a few hours.

The tournament will undoubtedly draw a big crowd of people and will do much toward advertising Pleasanton.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and the frightful disfigurements can by quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cutler & Silver.

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THE FAMILY STORY

TWO RINGS.

"Carson," I said, involuntarily, stooping to knock the ash from my cigar, "perhaps I ought not to ask, although I have known you for nearly three years, but is it usual for a wife to wear two wedding rings?"

Dead silence. He had just lowered his violin, after a very soft solo—for it was considerable past midnight when I ventured that curious question.

There had been an evening party, and, as I was to stay at the house till morning, Carson's wife had said "Good night," and left us to finish our inevitable smoke and talk. His mouth twitched a little, but it was some time before he retorted in a low tone:

"Is is usual for a man well under 40 to have hair as white as mine?"

"Well, perhaps not—but I thought you attributed that to some shock or other. What has that to do with—with the two rings?"

"Everything." He listened at the door for a moment, turned down the lights, and then came and sat down, spreading his hands over the fire.

"Two rings? Exactly, one is the ring I put on her finger when I married her; the second was put there by another man—and will stay there as long as the first."

"Never mind now," I said. His voice had trailed off huskily. "I had no idea there was any tragic element behind the fact."

"Tragic? Heavens! It was more than that, Arthur," he whispered, turning up a drawn face.

"I never meant to touch upon it, but when you spoke it came back with a rush as vivid as if I had been standing at the mouth of the old north shaft again. And that was six years ago.

"You've heard me speak, at least, of the mine itself—the Langley mine, in Derbyshire. I had only been assistant surveyor at the pits there for about nine months when it happened.

"At 9 o'clock that morning, Arthur, three of us stepped into the cage—old Jim Halliday, the foreman, his son Jim, and myself; the men had gone down an hour before.

"I shall never forget that young Jim's sweetheart had walked over to the pit with him, as she occasionally did.

"They were to be married in a week or two, and she—and she had on her finger the ring he had bought in Derby the day before—just for safety's sake, or perhaps out of womanly pride.

"I recollect that just as the chain clanked and the winter sunshine was disappearing overhead, he shouted out a third 'Good-by!' to her—little dreaming that it was to be good-by. Little enough old Halliday and I thought that days would elapse before we emerged into God's sunlight again!

"A new vein had been bored the year before, and then abandoned because it ran in the direction of the river. We three had had instructions to widen it for a space of 300 yards—a piece of work that had occupied us nearly a month.

"Old Jim picked and young Jim wheeled the coal away to the nearest gallery, from where it was carried over rails to the bottom of the main shaft.

"Well, by 4 o'clock that afternoon we calculated roughly that we had reached the limit laid down.

"'I think it's as near as possible, Mr. Carson,' old Halliday said. 'Jim, give another count, we don't want the water coming in.'

"Jim went back. We could hear him singing out the paces in his light-hearted fashion as he returned, his voice echoing through the long galleries. 'Two-sixty-nine—pooh! you're miles off it, dad!' He was only a score of years off, though. 'Two-sixty-nine—two-seventy-four. It'll allow a full twenty yet, I reckon.'

"He had just finished his count when—but there, no man could properly describe it. It was something one had to realize for himself before he could understand a bare half of the sudden terror that whitened our lips and seemed to bring our hearts to a standstill.

"There was a rumbling in one of the distant galleries, and a sickening tremble of the ground underneath us; then—then the most paralyzing sound, I do believe, that is to be heard in this world.

"How or why it happened is something to be placed among the host of unsolved mysteries; but there was one grinding, splintering roar, as though the earth had split in two pieces.

"Before we could stir hand or foot to save ourselves, before we could even take in that an explosion had occurred while we were guarding against another sort of danger, down thundered a mass of coal, tons upon tons of it, that blocked up the only passage leading to the shaft.

"It just reached young Jim; standing where he did, he was struck down—we heard his screech stifled beneath the debris. For about five more seconds the earth seemed to be heaving and threatening universal chaos; then all became still as a tomb.

"A tomb! We had our lamps, old Jim and I looked, and saw that we were cut off from the rest of the world.

"What happened next, I hardly know; I was stupefied with the shock, sick with a mortal fear of death. He and I stood staring mutely at each other. The one thing I recollect is that his face was gray as marble, and that a line of froth stood on his lips.

"He was the first to come back to sense. He gave one choking cry of 'Jim!' and staggered back to that black pile. The boy's hand was sticking out from the bottom of it, clutching convulsively at nothing. I sat down and watched, in a sort of dreary fascination, as old Jim, uttering strange cries, tore at the mass in a mad frenzy. God help him! Jim was the only thing he had in the world to love. In less than five minutes he had dragged him out, and sat down to hug him in his arms.

"Dead? No; he could just open his poor dust filled eyes in answer to his father's whispers; but we knew at once that he would never again make the galleries echo his piercing whistle.

"For whole hours, I suppose, neither of us attempted to realize our situation. We sat on in the dead silence, waiting for something to happen.

"Once or twice we saw young Jim's blackened lips move feebly, and each time his father would mutter brokenly, 'Ay, my precious boy, we'll look after her!'

"Once the old man broke out, quiveringly, into the hymn, 'Abide with Me!' but he got no further than the third line. That, perhaps, was about 8 o'clock, but we could keep no count of the time, as my watch had stopped.

"Hour after hour must have gone by, and still old Jim sat, with rigid face and staring eyes, clasping his burden. In all probability it was morning above ground before at last he spoke.

"'How long can we hold out, Mr. Carson? I'm feared to go. I've been a godless man all my time.'

"That aroused me. I examined our position carefully. The passage was about eight yards wide at this point, and measured about twenty paces from the end to where that solid wall of coal blocked our path to the outer world. As the bore ran level with the foot of the north shaft, we were about forty feet below the clear surface. We had no food, and our lamps would burn, say, another five or six hours; while the breathing air, hot and gaseous already, would probably become unendurable before the evening came. That was our situation, and let any man conceive a worse, if he can. One slender chance of escape at the best left; perhaps the entire passage was not blocked, and we might force our way to the main gallery. I was not afraid of death in the way that it comes to most people, but I was afraid to meet and struggle with it there. We sprang to the task, wild at the thought that those few hours of stupor might have made all the difference.

"You can guess what happened, and why, after a long spell of fighting to break through that horrible wall, old Jim threw himself down with a groan and refused to go on.

"As fast as we loosened one mass, another crashed down in its place; at the end of our desperate attempt we were half choked and blinded with dust, our hands were raw and we had made scarce any headway.

"Barely, too, had we given up the work as hopeless when my lamp flickered out; half an hour later old Jim's followed suit.

"Total oblivion! As I sat and contemplated our fate, a faintness of mingled hunger and despair crept over me. Young Jim, quite still, was propped up against the wall close by.

"Within a few feet of me sat his father; at times he would start up and shriek out in nameless terror—at others he would catch up his pick and hack at the walls with the fury of a maniac. And worse was to come.

"I think I must have fainted. I do not seem to recollect any more until the moment when I became conscious of my mate's hard breathing over me, and of the fact that his hand was feeling—or, so it seemed—for my throat. I dashed away, panting under the shock of this new horror.

"'Jim,' I gasped, 'for heaven's sake, keep sane! If we're to go, let us die like men!'

"No answer; I heard him crawling away, and that was all. The dead silence was only broken by a faint trickling sound. Trickling!

"Yes; I put my hand to the level, and found half an inch of water—and hotter and more stifling grew the atmosphere. Praying hard to myself, I realized now that, should no help come, only a few hours could live betwixt us and the end. And then—old Jim might go first, and I should be left. Nay, I was already practically alone; the fear that was slowly whitening my hair and turned old Jim's brain.

"He suddenly sent up a peal of delirious laughter. 'Water! Who says water? Why, mates, I'm swimming in it! Here's a go!'

"Presently he began creeping round to find me. I could hear him coming, by his labored respiration, and swishing of the ooze as he moved.

"Round and round the space we went stealthily, until at last he made a cunning rush and caught me by the ankle. 'Got him!' He yelled it with a glee that was unmistakable.

"Mere words could never convey the sensation of that moment. Half suffocated, past all ordinary fear, I closed with my poor old mate, and we went staggering to and fro across our prison, until at last I managed to throw him so that his head struck heavily against the wall.

"After that he lay quite still. I believed at the time that I had killed him, but we knew afterward that it was that blow which preserved his reason.

"The rest can be told in a few words. After that I lay there like one in a dream, while the pestilential air slowly did its work.

"Sometimes I fancied I could feel cool breezes blowing down on me, and at others heard some one telling me to wake up, for the whistle had sounded at the pits.

"How long I lay so, I can only conjecture. I really knew nothing more until I was roused by the sound of that coal barrier crashing down before the picks and spades of a dozen rescuers, and the hubbub from a dozen throats as they broke into our tomb.

"Only just time. Old Jim's face was only just out of the water, and they said that no human being could have lived in that atmosphere for another two hours. And young Jim?—well, there was just enough life left in him to last three days.

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"Till the end of that third day, I kept to my bed; and then they sent to say that he was going, but that he wished to see me first. I reached the house in time to catch his last whisper.

"You—you'll take her, mate! Marry her—no one else! Only—only, you'll let my ring stay there. Promise—me—that."

"What could I do but promise? I had no thought then of marrying his sweetheart—but it was his dying wish, and for years Jim and I had been like brothers.

"Just a year later I asked her if there was any room in her heart for me, and—and—well, that's enough. Now you know why my wife wears two wedding rings."—Saturday Evening Post.

When Grant Visited Japan.

"There was no pageant in General Grant's journey round the world more imposing than the reception given by the Mikado at Japan's capital," writes John Russell Young in the Ladies' Home Journal. "The United States steamer 'Richmond,' bearing General Grant and his party, steamed into Yokohama, the harbor of Tokyo, escorted by the 'Ashuelot' and a Japanese man-of-war, on July 3, 1879. There was assembled a fleet of war ships of other powers. At noon the Admiral's barge, flying General Grant's flag as ex-President, and conveying the General and his wife, Prince Dati, Minister Bingham and Minister Yoshida, slowly pushed for the shore, and on the instant every naval vessel manned yards and fired the American national salute. The day was as beautiful as days of which we dream—a blue, cloudless sky, a soothing, lapping sea. The sudden transformation from this sleepy, lazy, silent summer day, into the turbulence and danger of war; the roar of cannon the music—every band playing an American air—the manned yards, the officers on deck in full dress and saluting the barge as it passed, the cheers of the multitude thronging the shore the fantastic day fire-works, the cannon smoke banking into clouds, the barge moving with slow, steady stroke all formed a brilliant and extraordinary scene. As the Admiralty steps were approached there in waiting stood the Imperial Princes, the Ministers and the high officials of the realm, in the splendor of their rank and station. As the General stepped on shore the Japanese guns thundered their greeting the bands played 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' and Mr. Iwakura, the venerable Prime Minister, advanced, and taking the General's hand, in the name of the Emperor welcomed him to Japan. Reaching Tokyo after an hour in the train, the city authorities met us with an address, and the Mikado's state carriage, through a continuous, double line of infantry standing at 'present,' conveyed the General to the Imperial Palace of Enriokwan."

Japan's Navy.

Japan is going to spend $40,000 in putting twelve young Japanese students through a three years' course of study of naval architecture and marine engineering in England. They will work as gentlemen apprentices with the great shipbuilding firms.

As you grow older, strawberries taste more watery.

Men's Longest Night.

During Dr. Nansen's Arctic journey his ship, the Fram, remained for five and a half months, from Oct. 8, 1895, until March 24, 1896, out of sight of the sun. "This," Dr. H. R. Mill, the English geographer, remarks, "was the longest and darkest night ever experienced by man."

The Longest Ocean Cable.

The new transatlantic cable, which is to be laid between Brest and New York during the coming summer, will, it is said, be the longest in existence. The length will be 3,250 nautical miles, and the total weight of the cable with its envelope is estimated at 11,000 tons. Four large ships are to be employed in stretching it across the ocean's bottom.

Fast Trains.

According to a European authority, only two regular express trains on the continent of Europe, one running from Paris to Nice and the other from Ostend through Germany to the Russian frontier at Eydtkuhnen, average so much as thirty-eight and a half miles per hour. The same authority estimates the average express speed between New York and Chicago at about forty-eight and a third miles per hour, almost ten miles faster than the best European time.

Insects' Senses.

Darwin and other naturalists have believed that the bright colors of flowers serve to attract insects. Prof. Plateau of Ghent disagrees with this opinion, and thinks that the sense of smell is the one chiefly concerned in causing insects to frequent certain flowers. He finds that the removal of the brilliant petals of flowers to which insects are accustomed to resort does not decrease the frequency of their visits, and on the other hand, that when honey is placed on flowers which are naturally scentless, insects immediately begin to flock to them.

Whale-Killing with Electricity.

A Canadian sea-captain has invented an apparatus with which he thinks whales can be killed by electric shock. A harpoon is fixed at the end of a long metallic cable, properly insulated, and which serves in place of the usual rope. Through this cable an electric current of 10,000 volts is to be sent by means of a dynamo carried in the whale-boat. The inventor believes that no whale would be able to withstand the shock it would receive the instant the harpoon entered its side.

Fighting Fish.

It is said that the favorite sport of the Siamese is fish-fighting. So popular is it that, according to the Fish Trades Gazette, the King of Siam derives a considerable revenue from the license fees exacted for the privilege of keeping fighting fish. The fish are described as being long and slender, "not thicker than a child's finger," and very ferocious. The moment they are placed together in a vessel of water they dart at one another, and the onlookers become so excited over the contest that they wager anything they have at hand on the success of their favorite fish.

Bursting Steel.

An experiment which demonstrated the capacity of steel to endure greater pressure than the hardest stone was recently made at Vienna. Corundum was chosen for the stone, and small cubes of both substances were placed under pressure. A weight of six tons smashed the corundum, but forty-two tons were required to crush the steel. When the steel did give way, the effects are described as most remarkable. With a loud explosion, the metal flew into powder, and its sparks are said to have bored minute holes in the crushing machine.

The Indians' Pipe Quarry.

In Southwestern Minnesota is a celebrated quarry where the Indians have for centuries obtained a soft red stone out of which they carve pipes. The quarry belongs to the Sioux, to whom it was ceded by the United States Government forty years ago. Mr. A. H. Gottschall says this is the only place in America, and probably in the world, where this particular kind of stone is found. Many tribes of the red men formerly resorted to the quarry, and the pipestone seems to have been an article of commerce among them, for it has been found in Indian graves scattered all the way from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. It has also been found as far west as the Rocky mountains, and in British America.

Electric Bicycle Light.

A St. Louis inventor has patented a device by means of which a bicycle rider may furnish himself with an electric headlight, the necessary current being generated by the revolution of the wheels of the machine. A governor is provided which keeps the current substantially uniform, so that the light does not die out if the speed is reduced, or blaze too brilliantly when the speed is increased. By throwing the shaft that rotates the armature into gear as darkness comes on, the wheelman at once provides himself with a light; but of course he has to work for it, as it is his own muscles that form the source of the energy from which the electric current is developed.

Courtesy a Duty.

While admitting a tendency on the part of many women to accept all courtesies from the opposite sex as a right, some of the statements made under this head have been greatly exaggerated. It has been said that women habitually accept an offered seat in a public conveyance without thanks. That some women are thus discourteous, it is true; but the cases are exceptional. There is another side to the story, as there is to most stories. There are ways of offering a seat which hopelessly preclude thanks, and may expose the recipient of the attention, if attention it can be termed, to misconstruction. It is not uncommon to see a man, after silently enduring a struggle between his desire to remain at his ease and that innate chivalry which is his heritage, rise hastily, and with a sort of injured air, take his place on the platform. Sometimes he is speechless; at others he gruffly remarks: "Seat, lady!" and does not so much as look at her in passing. The weary shopper sinks into the abandoned resting place with thanks in her heart, though she has no opportunity of offering them in words, and as he does not glance in her direction, she cannot even look her gratitude. There is another way of offering a seat which very properly precludes acknowledgment. A man retains his place until he reaches his destination; then, when he has no further use for it, he offers it with an air of great civility to some lady standing near. Such a civility deserves no thanks at all. His information, which is really all he gives, is useless. She knows that he must take his body with him when he departs, and thus leave a vacancy. If more than one woman is standing, he has no right to designate which one shall profit by his absence. He is not entitled to thanks, and it is just that they should be withheld.

Ancient Graves.

Two graves of the form called "ship" shaped ones, dating from the early iron age, have been discovered near Aalborg, in Jutland, similar graves having only been once before encountered in Denmark. They are built of stones in the form of a ship, the calcined ashes of the body being strewn at the bottom.

Further, nine skeletons from the late iron age have been found near Frederickshavn, the size of the bones indicating that they were persons of small stature. In addition, four smooth rings of bronze, having, no doubt, formed a necklet, have been dug out of a peat bog in the same locality.

A runic stone of great interest has been discovered at Kinneculia, in West Gothia, Sweden, having hitherto been covered with turf. The portion uncovered represents some ships, the figures of two men, a great number of saucer-shaped cavities, wheels, rings, and so forth, engraven on the rock, but there appears to be a great many more signs below. The crown has taken possession of it, and a careful survey is being made.

Different Names for Waves.

They have curiously different names for waves about the coast of Great Britain. The Peterhead folk call the large breakers that fall with a crash on the beach by the grim name of "Norrawa (Norway) carpenter." On the low Lincolnshire coast, as on the southwestern Atlantic fronting shore of these islands, the gradually long unbroken waves are known as "rollers." Among East Anglians a heavy surf, tumbling in with an offshore wind, or in a calm, is called by the expressive name of a "slog;" while a well-marked swell, rolling in independently of any blowing, is called a "home." "There is no wind," a Suffolk fisherman will say, "but a nasty home on the beach." Suffolk men also speak of the "bark" of the surf, and a sea covered with foam is spoken of as "feather white." The foam itself is known as "spoon drift." So, in the vernacular, we have it: "The sea was all a feather white with spoon drift."—New York Marine Journal.

Strange, Indeed.

On the battlefield of Tel-el-Kebir an Irish doctor named O'Reilly was attending to the wounds of the British soldiers.

A young guardsman doing active service for the first time had got a sword cut on his arm—what an old soldier would call a scratch.

Tommy Atkins was crying out:

"Oh, doctor, my arm! I shall die!"

Dr. O'Reilly, getting tired of his moaning, called out:

"Be aisy wid yer noise, now sure, ye're makin' more noise than that poor feller down there wid his head cut off."

On the Reservation.

Government Official—Well, what do you want now?

Indian—Want to change my pony for a bike.—Brooklyn Life.

Guarding Wells From Contagion.

There is no need of further proof of the dangers which wells present, from the point of view of possible contamination with disease germs, notably those of typhoid fever. It is well known how many villages have been decimiated by that terrible malady simply because the wells which afforded the water supply had received not only water from pure springs, but also drainage from cesspools. Dr. Koch, having recognized the positive character of this peril, advises the arrangement in wells of sand filtering apparatus, for which he offers a very simple plan. At the center of the well he lowers an iron tube 6 or 8 centimeters (2-12 or 3 inches) in diameter, of which the lower extremity, tightly closed by a metallic plug, is pierced with a series of small holes that permit the water to enter the pipe. In the open space between this part of the device and the sides of the well, which should be well walled up, fine gravel should be placed, rising above the highest level which the water is liable to attain.

Then coarse sand should be filled in, even to the mouth of the well, and a pump plunger inserted inside the tube. The water which is pumped is then filtered by its passage through the sand.

It is not possible perhaps to say that all the bacteria will be arrested, because sand filtration is not recognized as absolutely efficacious, but it is at least a great safeguard, and the installation is very simple. It is especially important that fine sand should not be permitted to enter and accumulate in the body of the pump.—Nature.

Bread Brings Luck.

The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to the church, every piece she disposes of averting, as she believes, a misfortune. —Philadelphia Ledger.

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A Few Sensible Hints to Suit the Busy Agriculturist.—Items That May Benefit our Readers.

Productive Trees.

In a discourse before a society of fruit growers S. D. Willard of New York State had the following to say on making barren fruit trees productive. The gentleman in speaking of his apple trees said: "I would try one scheme; if that failed I would try another. I think I have mentioned this before, that I believe that almost any orchard in this world can be brought into bearing at a certain season of the year, by taking that little bit of a fine knife blade, the point of it, and running it around the body of the tree."

Asked what season of the year he would do this, the gentleman answered: "About the middle of June. Now, understand me. Don't get a sickle and chop the body half off. I have tried this and I know what I am talking about. I would not let any man in my employ today do this, but I do it myself and I do it on the run. I can go over a thousand trees in less time than it takes me to talk to you about it. A little knife blade of that kind run right around the trunk of the tree, and you would be surprised tomorrow morning to see what a drawing apart of the bark there would be, and yet you would be surprised to see how quick it would fill up with a mucous formation. For the time being it would stop the flow of the sap; there is a change in the circulation. I tried this and the very next year we picked a barrel of apples from trees seven years from the planting of one-year-old whips. They were worked for a purpose and that purpose was to produce fruit, and that purpose involved the making of a large amount of wood at the earliest possible moment. You have got to have surface to begin with to start your fruit on, and later on produce fruit."

Remedy for the Olive Worm.

Writing in regard to the method of fighting the worm which has been attacking the olive tree around Pomona, a citizen of that place says:

"It develops that too great pains cannot be taken to spray, not only early, but with the best and purest Paris green obtainable. One who makes that his business here employs one-fourth of one pound of Paris green to each fifty gallons of water, adding lime to protect the leaves. His work appears to have resulted favorably. Others using one-half a pound to forty gallons of water seem to have effected no material depletion of anything but their pocket-books, and are now repeating the process presumably with stronger poison."

The Pomona Times has the following on this subject:

"This pest is not so alarming as it was a week ago—in fact, has done but little damage as a whole, though it has appeared in many places. Alfred Wright's olive orchard just east of town was attacked in force, and he feared sweeping destruction, but he attacked them with a combination of six ounces of Paris green and fifty gallons of water, and this killed the worms and didn't injure the trees. He tried the proportion of four ounces of the green to fifty gallons of water imperfect effect, so increased the former as stated, and found it perfectly effective. The worms climbed other trees, but only damaged the olive. About half the olive trees were stripped clean, but the foliage of the other half will be saved in good condition. Some damage has been done here, and there throughout the valley, mostly to vineyards, olive trees and alfalfa, but we hear of only a few vineyards damaged to amount to much."

Mixed Orchards.

The opinion is gaining ground that solid blocks of fruit trees of one variety should not be planted, says the S. F. Chronicle. Better pollination seems to be assured with all fruits when planted adjacent to different varieties. With some this seems to be absolutely essential to good bearing. The writer knows of one orchard of twelve acres of Bartlett pears planted at some distance from any other pear trees, which, after faithful tending for fifteen years, has just been dug up and is now in grain. But one year it did bear an enormous crop, showing that self-pollination of the Bartlett is possible under favorable conditions. There has never been any other crop on the trees worth harvesting. Near that the writer has about fifty Bartletts 8 years old, which have never borne. In another place he has six or eight isolated Bartletts planted with a couple of trees of a worthless variety. Last year both these trees were grafted, and by inadvertence the entire tops have been cut out, and this year there is hardly a pear on the Bartlett trees, while heretofore they have borne regularly. Certain varieties of pears, apples and plums are considered to be regularly self-fertilizing; but the safest way seems to be to have a certain mixture of varieties in all orchards. And yet it is evidently true that varieties not usually fertilizing themselves well will sometimes produce large crops. In the instances above given from the personal observation of the writer it is not possible to rationally account for the large crop which was produced by the ministry of bees. There are wild colonies of bees in the neighborhood, and always have been. This would account for some scattering pears, but not for one great crop and substantial barreness thereafter.

Tobacco Culture.

Now is the opportune time to test our soil and climate as to their fitness for the cultivation of the tobacco plant, says the Los Angeles Herald. It is not altogether an experiment. The plant has been tried at various points in this part of the State and it is said to do well.

The Cuban war has cut off the supply of Havana leaf and the factories using this tobacco are reduced to the last extremity. Many of them have changed from the manufacture of such cigars and are making goods which do not pretend to contain anything other than domestic tobacco. Other factories are substituting domestic leaf for Havana, although pretending to be still offering the higher class goods. A few have enough Havana leaf to last for several months longer.

If the war were to come to an end today this year's crop could not be matured. If the war lasts as the previous attempt on the part of the Cubans to achieve their independence, for a period of ten years, Havana cigars are likely to go out of use here for a generation. In any case the new tariff will be more or less prohibitive as to imports.

Already there is a radical change taking place in the cigar trade. The newspapers and bill boards are filled with announcements of 5-cent cigars. The trade recognizes that the day of the very high-cost smoke is passing away, and that the grade which sells at two and three for a half-dollar, and even two for a quarter, are not selling as they did. The 5-cent and 10-cent straight cigars are those most frequently called for.

All these conditions will create a growing demand for domestic tobacco, and thus opens up the opportunity for our farmers to see what can be done in this branch of farming.

But of all products, this is the one which will require most care. Not all soils will produce tobacco, and not all tobacco is commercially valuable. In many soils the plant grows too rank —so rank, in fact, that it will not burn much better than cabbage. The plant grown on different soils is valuable for different purposes. Wrapper leaf is the scarcest and commands the best price. Next comes good filler-leaf, that used for plug and other kinds of chewing and smoking tobacco coming after.

So, in experimenting it will be necessary to use several kinds of seed and thus learn which to make a steady crop of. Careful analysis of any given soil by a competent agricultural chemist will aid in this investigation.

Crop Bulletin.

The following weekly crop summary is issued by the California Section Climate and Crop Service Weather Bureau James A. Barwick section director: The weather has been more favorable to wheat and barley, which is filling out better than expected some time ago, although the crop will be a short one.

The fruit crop in the Sacramento valley varies, ranging from not so good to better than last year. Prunes will generally be a fair crop; peaches, pears, plums and apricots a fair crop, while the grape crop bids fair to give a big yield. Hops are improving.

Napa valley reports show the fruit crop a variable one as compared with last year. Apricots will be the same, as will also plums; peaches less, almonds and walnuts above. Wheat barley and hay will be short.

Sonoma valley, lower portion, reports the fruit crop better than last year; the middle and upper end of the valley reports show a variable condition as to fruit. Apples and prunes are greater than last year, still the crop will be light.

Santa Clara valley reports show variable conditions as to fruit compared with last year's crop. Some portions are very much better, others are about the same and still others show better conditions than last year. Hay will be a light crop.

In the San Joaquin valley the grain prospects have somewhat improved on account of cooler weather. Tulare county reports peaches and pears a full crop.

The coast counties report a poor rain outlook, while the fruit crop will only be a fair one.

A quantity of dynamite and powder stored in Charles King & Son's wholesale grocery-store at Charlottsville, Va., exploded while the building was burning recently. The buildings around were shattered. A woman living near by died from the shock of the explosion.

The Senate republicans are trying to avoid debate on the tariff and will not participate in speech making.

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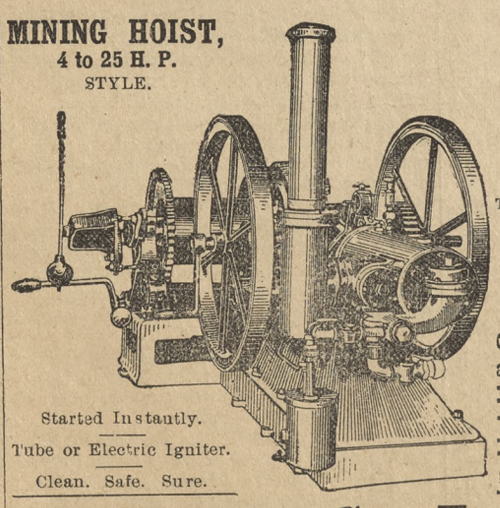

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It is but a few days ago that one of our own merchants felt the force and effect of a high license law. He has been in the habit of sending his wagon over into Contra Costa county to solict orders and deliver goods. His man was arrested because he had not taken out a license as provided by the laws of that county. The merchant now has a taste of the medicine that his own town wanted to administer.

Contra Costa like Pleasanton wanted to do business within itself. No outsiders need apply. Theoretically this may look very nice, but when it gets down to practice it does not work aud occasionally strikes home.

WE may not understand the matter fully, but from our way of looking at the matter we think the petition of the ladies to have Ray street sprinkled should have been granted by the Town Trustees without any hesitency, Main and Neal streets are sprinkled now. The work is paid for out of the general funds of the town. The property owners on Ray street contribute their pro rata of taxes, and there is absolutely no reason that they should not enjoy their just share of the benefits derived from the expenditure of their tax money. The argument that in case the petition was granted other sections of town would ask for the same favors is probably well founded. If the property owners in other sections would ask for no more than the ladies of Ray street they would be demanding only the recognition that is certainly in all justice due them.

A PRINTER doesn't rush to the doctor when he is out of "sorts." Nor to the baker when he is out of "pi." Nor to Hades when he wants the "devil." Nor to the Bible when he wants a good "rule." Nor to the gun shop when he wants a "shooting stick." Nor to a cabinet shop when he wants "furniture." Nor to a bank when he wants "quoins." Nor to a girl when he wants a "press." Nor to a lawyer when he has a "dirty case." Nor to a butcher when he wants "phat." Nor to a pump when he's dry—and has ten cents in his pocket.

THERE are few towns whose finance are in better shape than Pleasanton's. As a result of the careful handling of the funds by the Town Trustees, to whom all credit is due, there will be a balance in the treasury at the close of the fiscal year, July 1, of nearly $1500.

TALES FROM TASSAJARA.

EDITOR TIMES: Tassajara has a sensation! A real live blacksmith shop,—not a dead one, mind you, but one whose singing anvil is ample proof that the smith has come to stay, and from the number of old vehicles and machines on the shady side of usefulness that are piled around his shop it is safe to say he will soon have to start a bone yard to hold them. We might be poetical and copying from Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith," describe it thus:

Beside a growing walnut tree,
The valley smithy stands,
The smith a pleasant Portuguese
Has brown and sinuey hands;
His hair is crisp and black and short,
His face is like the tan,
His shop is new and very neat,
He earns what'er he can, etc.

Mrs. M. E. Wand of San Francisco is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. C. Johnston.

Misses May and Jennie Coats have returned from Pacific Grove for their summer vacation. A dance was given in their honor Saturday, June 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. Coats.

The dance given in the Opera Hall Saturday night was a decided success in spite of the warm evening. The gathering was composed mostly of young folks and to say that joy reigned supreme, expresses it but poorly.

Tassajara, as well as her surrounding neighbors, is sore and bruised over the school election. Feeling ran high and the vote polled was the largest in many years.

Mr. H. L. Dalton is engaged breaking horses. One of them lovingly attempted to put its foot around his neck but collided with his face. Bert lived and told the tale. RACKET.

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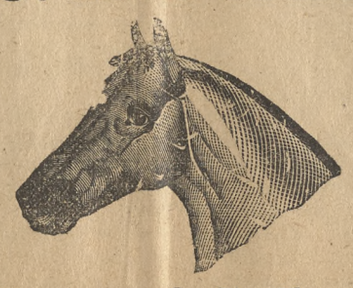

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ASSESSOR'S Notice to Taxpayers!

Oakland, March 1st, 1897.

All Persons, Firms, Companies, Corparations and Associations are required to deliver at the Assessor's office, at the Court House, City of Oakland, county of Alameda, on or before March 15, 1897, a statement under oath, of all the property, both real and personal, owned or claimed by him, her or them, or in their possession or held in trust for others, at 12 o'clock meridian on the

FIRST MONDAY OF MARCH, 1897.

In accordance with Sec. 3629, Political Code.

Every person who refuses or neglects to furnish the statement as provided for in Section 3629 Political Code, becomes liable to a fine of one hundred dollars and the value fixed by the Assessor on their property must not be reduced by the Board of Equalization.

All persons owning real estate that has been assessed in the wrong name or errors have appeared on their tax bill, are requested to call at the Assessor's office or notify the Assessor by mail on or before March 15th, 1897, so that the proper corrections may be made on the assesssment roll for the year 1897.

Assessment blanks may be obtained at the Assessor's office, room one, Court House or from any Deputy Assessor.

HENRY P. DALTON,

Assessor of Alameda County.
Oakland, California.

Assessor's Poll Tax and Road Poll Tax Notice

Poll Tax and Road Poll Tax must be paid on demand.

Oakland, March 1st, 1897

Notice is hereby given that the State Poll Tax and Road Poll Tax for two dollars each for the year 1897, is now due and payable at the assessor's office, room one, Court House, or to a Deputy Assessor.

Section 3839 of the Political Code reads as follows:

Every male inhabitant of this State, over twenty-one and under 60 years of age, except paupers, insane persons, and Indians, must annually pay a poll tax of two dollars; *provided*, the same be paid between the

First Monday in March and the First Monday in July,

but if not paid prior to the first Monday in July, then it shall be three dollars.

Sec. 3846 of the Political Code makes it the duty of the Assessor to "demand poll tax of every person liable therefore, and on the neglect or refusal of such person to pay, he must collect by seizure and sale of any personal property owned by such person."

Under Sections 429 and 435 every person who refuses to give his own name or the name of any person in his employ, or who in any manner obstructs the Assessor or any of his deputies in the collection of the State Poll Tax, is guilty of a misdemeanor, and liable to a fine of $500 or imprisonment in the county jail, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Only those persons under twenty-one or over sixty years of age are exempt. Poll tax must be paid on demand.

The same laws apply to the collection of Road Poll Tax as to the collection of State Poll Tax.

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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

The Man About Town is not exactly dead. He has been resting for a few weeks and keeping his ears open all the while to hear what he could hear. The best thing that has come my way for a long time is a yarn on Harry Madison, who measures calico at Arendt's store, and is too good to keep.

Now Madison is somewhat of a ladies' man, and it is generally admitted that the young ladies of town occasionally vie with each other to get into his good graces. But all that is another story. Mr. Madison's sure enough girl lives in the town up the road where they try to make butter and successfully raise rocks and rows. Madison invited the young lady to meet him here last Sunday and take a drive.

A rig was ordered from a local stable and the livery man was told to tie it outside his place so that Madison and his young lady could jump in and drive away as soon as ready. The stable man is occasionally forgetful. This was one of those occasions. Thereby hangs this little yarn.

Duncan Smith of Danville drove into town that afternoon with a spanking horse and a bran new buggy. He stopped in front of the stable where it was nice and shady and tied his nag. As Smith walked away Madison and his maiden came up the street. As the young man viewed the rig his bosom swelled with pride. He thought to himself, thought he, that the outfit was unusually fine for a livery turnout, but he dashed all doubts aside by assuming that he was a favored customer and that there was nothing too fine in the stable for him.

He assisted the young lady into the buggy and tucked the robe about her footsey tootsies. Duncan Smith looked on in blank amazement. His admiration for what he thought was an exhibition of Pleasanton nerve made him speechless. When Madison untied the hitching strap, grabbed the lines and jumped into the buggy himself, Smith's eyes bulged out so far they could have been knocked off with a plank. And then when Madison reached for the whip and proceeded to drive away, Smith found his tongue.

"See here, young fellow, where are you going with my rig?"

Madison did not know exactly where he was at for a minute. Smith explained the situation in a very few harsh words. The young couple did not go buggy riding that afternoon. They spent the time walking.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

Not a Pirate.

The following is from the Danville (Contra Costa county) Sentinel: "A merchant named Arendt from Pleasanton was arrested near San Ramon yesterday by Constable Harrison for selling goods in this county without a license, in violation of the law adopted by the Supervisors a year ago. Arendt proposes to fight the law and District Attorney Brown is anxious that a test case be made. The case will come up before Judge Clark, although the date has not yet been set. We hope to see the new law stand, as it is the only protection afforded our merchants against pirates like Arendt, who do business in this county, unhampered by rent or taxation." [It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Arendt is not a pirate. No red flag and skull and cross-bones floated from his delivery wagon when it gave the Danville mer-chants such a fit. ED.]

A Timely Suggestion.

Livermore Echo: In connection with the proposition to place water troughs along the road from Pleasanton to Livermore, the Pleasanton TIMES credits Supervisor Wells with having said, "I am not opposed to the water troughs if there is any necessity for them." Such being the case, we beg to suggest that as a means of settling the question of necessity, and putting all his doubts at rest, the Supervisor might take a drive over the road between the two towns on a hot day, with a team and heavily loaded wagon. No; thanks! There is no charge for the suggestion—and we drink only water.

All druggists guarantee Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS to stop Headache. "One cent a dose."

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

—Contractor Bruce is pushing the work on the Diavila building. It will be a fine structure and will add much to the general appearance of Main street.

—Louis Klee has rented the Murphy building adjoining Nevis' saloon and will open it as a tamale cafe. He expects to have the place ready for business by Tuesday next.

—The Pleasanton school will close for the term next Friday with appropriate exercises. The examinations in the higher grades have been finished and the papers forwarded to the County Superintendent.

Not only piles of the very worst kind can be cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, but eczema, scalds, burns, bruises, boils, ulcers and all other skin troubles can be instantly relieved by the same remedy. Cutler & Silver.

—The success of the party given Friday night of last week in the new pavilion, Sunol, by the Sunol Band has led the management to announce that there will be a hop there every Saturday evening during the summer months.

Don't neglect a cough because the weather is pleasant; before the next storm rolls around it may develop into a serious difficulty beyond repair. One Minute Cough Cure is easy to take and will do what its name implies. Cutler & Silver.

—Papers have been prepared to test the new road law. Bishop & Wheeler will be employed and the case will be carried to the Supreme Court. An effort will be made to get the case before the Supreme Court as speedily as possible.

W. B. Johnson, Newark, O., says, "One Minute Cough Cure saved my only child from dying from croup." It has saved thousands of others suffering from croup, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious throat and lung troubles. Cutler & Silver.

—In the suit brought by John Stewart against the Pleasanton Stock Farm Company and a number of other defendants, the plaintiff has consented to the dismissal of the suits against all the defendants except Monroe Salisbury and the Stock Farm.

Some for ten, some for twenty and some for thirty years have suffered from piles and then have been quickly and permanently cured by using De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and all forms of skin diseases. Cutler & Silver.

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—Theodore Figel, the bookkeeper who has gained much unenviable notoriety in the mysterious case surrounding the death of Isaac Hoffman, was in Pleasanton Sunday, the guest at Claude Burlingame. Mr. Burlingame has charge of Figel's stable of racers which is said to be one of the finest and fastest on the Coast.

Stands at the Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shrieveport, La. says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant at Safford, Ariz. writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails and is a sure cure for Con-Consumption Coughs and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is not an experiment. tt has been tried for a quarter of a century, and today stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at Cutler & Silver's drug store.

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Free delivery mail service, with two letter carriers and fourteen street boxes, is established at Marysville.

Workmen on the quay wall at Vallejo have their wages reduced to $1.75 a day and have to board at the contractors' boarding house.

The first apricots of the season have been received from upper Capay valley, at Sacramento, and the fruit is fine. They were gathered a few days ago, the earliest in the State.

The Christian Endeavor people of San Jose are preparing to bring the big national convention to that city for a day. There will be a flower show by the Floral Society and the visitors will be driven around town in decorated carriages.

The second race between the steamers Humobldt and Pomona from San Francisco to Eureka resulted in another victory for the Humboldt. The owners of the Humboldt claim the race by twelve minutes, and the Pomona's officers concede defeat by seven minutes.

The track on the Sierra Railway has been laid to Maxwell, twenty-five miles east of Oakdale. The Sierra Railway Company has begun taking passengers and freight to Maxwell. Passengers and mail will be transferred from there by stage to the Sonora mountain towns.

Sensational reports sent out from Vancouver, B. C., regarding floods on the lands along the Fraser river are untrue. The water has not been near so high as at the great flood three years ago, and for the past week has been rapidly falling. No danger is feared from floods this year.

The Commercial and Savings Bank of San Jose has filed papers in a suit at Santa Barbara against B. D. Murphy and others. It seeks to recover $110,000 loaned to the latter at various times since 1894. The plaintiff holds a deed from Murphy to his undivided one-half interest in the Cojo rancho in this county, as security for the loans.

John J. De Haven, who has been appointed by President McKinley as the successor to Judge Morrow upon the bench of the United States District Court, at San Francisco, has held a number of prominent positions, and is popular not only among his conferers of the bar, but other circles. He was born in St. Joseph, Mo., on March 12, 1845.

The rich strike made a week ago in the Kenyon mine at Randsburg continues to increase in richness. The pay streak holds almost a uniform width of three and one-half feet, and over eighty sacks of the rich rock have been taken out during the week. Much of the rock will produce $1 per ounce, and conservative miners estimate that the entire lot will run $16,000 per ton.

The Los Angeles manufactures of crackers are just now engaged in a war, and prices are going way down. Ordinary sodas are selling for less than the cost of making them and according to the statement of Leopold Winter of the Southern California Cracker Company, this state of affairs cannot last long. A cracker trust or a sale of the local factories to Eastern manufacturer seems imminent.

Great preparations are being made at Mission San Jose for the centennial anniversary celebration of the founding of the Mission of San Jose on June 13th. Juan Gallegos agrees to give his large and fine grounds for the purpose of holding a barbecue during the celebration. In anticipation of the vast crowd that will gather there on that day the Rev. Father McNaboe has received permission from Archbishop Riordan to hold mass in the open air.

A. B. Butler, the Fresno raisin grower, who went to Washington to secure, if possible, the retention of the House bill rates on raisins, spent a day interviewing Senators, but is now greatly encouraged because of the strong support behind all the schedules so far considered by the Senate. He will, with the assistance of the California Senators, keep up the struggle and have the matter presented to the caucus committee.

S. H. Pyle foreman of the St. Elmo Mining Company, at Randsburg, located a spring of water three miles south of the St. Elmo mine and about fifty yards from the proposed railway from Kramer to Randsburg. Pyle noticed coyotes digging in the ground, apparently for water. He investigated and after digging five feet was surprised to find a tiny stream of water flowing over a granite reef into the quicksands. Men will be put at work immediately to develop the discovery.

Two or three small parties of swarthy-skinned foreigners are begging and peddling in Los Angeles and vicinity, passing themselves off as Armenian refugees persecuted by the Turks. They are denounced as frauds, but public sympathy being stirred up by the news from the Orient the people are profiting by their tricks. One party exhibits a letter from an Oakland clergyman testifying to the genuineness oftheir claims.

A thrifty and industrious Italian who is living here in Los Angeles has an acre of ground around his home which is an object lesson to the ordinary American farmer. In one corner of that little patch of ground he has during the winter raised two crops of barley, and now a crop of potatoes and beans is well under way. He has learned the wisdom of intensive cultivation. Every inch of ground is put to account, and as soon as one crop is done the land is immediately turned to some other use.

Claus Spreckels has commenced suit in San Francisco to recover $1,000,000 damages from William R. Hearst, proprietor of the Examiner, for alleged libel. The libelous matter complained of was contained in an article commenting upon the recent visit of John E. Searles to that city, and the deal by which the Salinas and Watsonville sugar factories passed into the hands of the combine. The firm of Johnson, Linforth & Whittaker, including Grove L. Johnson, who has taken up his residence there represent Mr. Spreckels.

Dr. M. J. Rosenau of the Quarantine Board has received from President McKinley his commission as nation quarantine officer for the port of San Francisco. This appointment is the result of the investigation made by ex-Governor West, who came here from Washington to look into the conflict of authority between Federal and State quarantine officers. The controversy is now settled, as the Collector of Customs has been instructed to recognize the quarantine certificates issued by the Federal officers. The decision of Dr. Rosenau in quarantine cases will be final.

Armorer J. Mitchell of the military department of the University has received reports of the scores made by Michigan and Tennessee in the recent national inter-collegiate rifle shooting contest. The new reports still have California in the lead, an there is now little doubt that Berkeley was victorious over the eighteen State Universities that competed in target practice at the beginning of the present month. The University of Tennessee scored 328, and Michigan's crack shots made 248. California's score of 400 is the best ever made at Berkeley.

The San Joaquin Valley Railway has commenced operating into Hanford and rates have been announced. The station at that place is under construction, and grading work is being pushed rapidly on the stretch of road lying twenty miles south of that town. The bridge over the King's river will be finished about the middle of July. Grading is also being done on the Visalia branch, between Reedley and Visalia. It is the expectation of Chief Engineer Storey that the San Joaquin Valley Railway will be completed all the way to Bakersfield by the end of the year.

Waterspout Disaster.

Paris, France.—A terrible disaster caused by a waterspout has occurred in the eastern part of the Department of Isere. The waterspout broke in the vicinity of the River Morge, causing that stream to burst its banks and inundate the adjoining country. A number of persons were drowned in the flood and their bodies swept away. The damage to property aggregates millions of francs.

Collector John T. Gaffey of the port of Los Angeles, who has made some pursuit of Chinese smuglgers, gives his opinon that the proposed increase of $2 a pound to the customs duty on opium will only serve to encourage smuggling. At present there is little opium known to come into this port, but if the duty is increased to $8 a pound it will be such an incentive to smuggling that the revenue will be greatly diminished, and there would be necessity for more watchfulness to detect contraband business.

The Athens correspondent of the London Times says: It is believed that communications have arisen owing to the advocacy by some of the powers, including Russia, of the Turkish occupatioin of Thessaly until the indemnity is paid and to England's firm resistance to such a project. The Greek Government is preparing for a probable renewal of the war.

U. S. Grant III, nephew of General Grant, has been promoted to be chief bookkeeper of the New York subtreasury under the civil service rules.

The Supreme Court of South Dakota sustains the constitutionality of the amendment repealing prohibition in that State.

TELEGRAPHIC RESUME.

Things That Have Happened all Over the Country

MENTIONED IN THESE PARAGRAPHS.

Selections That Will Greatly Interest Our Readers Both Old and Young.

The Board of Health of Jersey City is testing the chlorine treatment for diphtheria by inhalation.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has issued an order that in future dogs will be carried as passengers' baggage.

The American Plate Glass Works has resumed operations at Alexandria, Ind. In all 500 skilled men are being put to work.

The order of Railway Telegraphers in session at Peoria, Illinois, has voted down a proposition to join the Federation of Labor.

The wheat crop of Oklahoma Territory is estimated at 20,000,000 bushels, or four times as much as that of any former year.

The gold production in South Dakota during 1896 was 235,413 fine ounces. This places South Dakota third in the list of gold-producing States.

Several of the general officers of the Rio Grande Western and Oregon Short Line will establish agencies at Butte, Montana, and Portland, Oregon.

An English syndicate has nearly completed arrangements to secure control of all tube manuacturing enterprises in America. The purchase price will approximate twenty-five million.

Melvin Strous, aged 13, a prominent druggist's son of Monon, Indiana, is violently insane as the result of continued indulgence in the cigarette habit. He has smoked five years and it is estimated that he has used over 50,000 cigarettes.

The coal mines at Baldwin, Col., have resumed operations, giving employment to a large number of miners. The difference between the company and the miners were adjusted by the State Board of Arbitration. Neither side gained any advantage by its decisions.

The April product of American copper mines was 17,454 long tons. This is about the same as last year, though nearly 4000 tons in excess of the same month in 1895 and 1894. The product of European mines for Arpil was 7318 tons, or about 500 tons more than last year.

A powerful combine of telephone companies is being perfected in Chicago to operate against and compete with the Bell Telephone Company. It is stated that there are now in the United States 1,000 independent telephone companies, whose combined forces will be pitted against the Bell Company.

In compliance with the new Federal law abolishing the offices of all United States Court Commissioners and providing for the appointment of new commissioners by the respective District Judges. Federal Judge Hanford has named thirty-one United States court commissoners for the State of Washington, reducing the number heretofore serving nearly one-half.

In the United Presbyterian General Assembly at Rock Island, Ill., the question of increasing the compensation to women medical missionaries was referred back to be reported to the next General Assembly. The report on foreign missions was adopted, carrying with it the appointment of two new missionaries to Egypt and three to India.

The Princess Troubetzky, formerly Amelie Rives Chandler, author of "The Quick or the Dead," is a patient in a private sanitarium, at Philadelphia, completely broken down. Her father and husband are not permitted to see her. She was taken to the sanitarium from her home in Virginia ten days ago, accompanied by her father, Colonel Rives, and her husband, Prince Troubetzky.

A world's competitive bicycle record was twice broken in one day recently at Charles River Park, Boston. In the first trial heat of the third mile open amateur, Ellery Blake of Keene, N. H., won the heat in 42 3-5, which broke the existing record of 43 seconds, made by Packard in Denver, July 13, 1895. In the final heat of this event Blake won in 41 4-5 seconds, thus lowering his own record.

The International Water Boundary Commission in session at San Antonio, Texas, has received dispatches from several points along the Rio Grande that the present unprecedented rise in the river threaten to cut off large tracts of land from both the United States and Mexico. In several places an entirely new channel will be formed. The flood is doing great damage on both sides of the river below El Paso.

Another rate war is on between San Francisco and Portland.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The British Government is making ready to send 30,000 soldiers to South Africa.

A bill for the better observance of Sunday is pending in the House of Commons, Ottawa, Canada.

An employers' liability bill pending in the British parliament is exciting much interest among English workingmen.

The Atlantic Transportation line steamer Massachusetts, from New York for London, ran down a fishing smack off Plymouth, England. Four of the smack's crew were drowned.

By the entrance of Corea and the Orange Free State into the Universal Postal Union, which has been announced to the Postal Congress at Washington, D. C., and the probable entrance of China before 1899, the entire postal circuit of the globe will have been accomplished.

An alarming famine prevails in Szechuen and an adjoining province in China. Foreign aid has been requested. Supplies from the government and from foreign merchants are being sent into the famine-stricken districts. Towns near the river are being relieved, but farther inland great distress prevails.

A special to the New York Herald from Valparaiso, Chile, via Galveston, says: Rumors are again current to the effect that a Cabinet crisis is at hand, owing to the difference between the Minister of the Interior and several members of the Government. An effort will be made by the President, according to a generally accredited report, to keep the Cabinet in office until the matter which caused the trouble can be settled in the Chamber of Deputies.

The committee of the lower house of the Prussian Diet have rejected a clause of a pending bill, which gave the police the power to dissolve meetings or associations which might be considered to contravene the criminal law, or endanger the safety of the State.

It has been decided that the Hongkong jubilee memorials shall be a women's and children's hospital and a training nurse institute. The public has subscribed $50,000 and the Government $50,000. It has also been decided to commence a road around the island.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Daily News says: The Government submits to the Riechsrath its bill providing for state control of rings and trust of sugar, petroleum and beer industries, with a view of preventing the abuses of combinations and the extortion of higher prices.

The official report of the disaster at the cathedral, at Pisa, Italy, upon the occasion of the unveiling of an image of the Virgin, when a candle fell, setting fire to the building and causing a panic, shows that nine persons were killed and twenty-one others seriously injured. Most of the victims are women and all of them residents of Pisa.

Hordes of Celestials Coming.

Torreon, Mexico.—Several carloads of Chinamen have passed through here on the Mexian Central and Mexican International railroads during the past few weeks. It is believed they are direct from China and that they intend to smuggle into the States at some remote point on the Rio Grande. Two Government detectives have arrived from San Francisco to watch the movements of the Celestials.

Mrs. H. C. Wadleigh of the Express staff has been elected librarian of the Los Angeles City Library. Mrs. Wadleigh was formerly head assistant to Dr. William Rice of the Springfield, Mass., Public Libarry. She is recognized as one of the brightest women in Southern California. She was highly recmomended for the position by Dr. Rice and Arthur N. Brown, librarian of the United States Naval Academy.

All the arrangements made by the executive committee of the Western Passenger Association of Chicago have been approved and adopted by the association as a whole, and they are now in effect. All the arrangements relate to the continuance of the clergy and mileage ticket bureaus and the emigrant bureau in New York, and the action of the executive committee regarding them has been already published.

The Placerville Nugget says: Preparations are being made to clean out the old shaft of the Plymouth mine near Kelsey. A whim is on the ground ready to be put up for operation. . . A strike of a body of water in the Blazing Star, Kelsey, drove out the workmen and compelled the closing of the mine temporarily.

Hon. C. F. Reed, one of the leading mining men of Placer county, has in contemplation a school of mining to be established in the Auburn College building. The best instruction obtainable will be secured. The Placer Republican says as soon as his health wil permit, Mr. Reed will push this scheme and with such a man at the back we are sure it wiil succeed.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTES.

A postoffice has been established at Mineral King, Tulare county, Cal., and Arthur Crowley appointed Postmaster.

Frank P. Hastings, secretary of the Hawaiian legation, who was taken suddenly ill at the reception at the White House to the postal congress delegates May 19, is dead.

Senator White made a fight against the increase of the rates on cement, claiming that the result would be to increase the price of every barrel of cement consumed in California by 10 cents.

The Senate has confirmed the nominations of L. A. Wright, Indian agent at Mission Tule River Agency, California; Colonels J. F. Wade, J. K. Mizner and W. M. Graham to be brigadier-generals.

The Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has agreed to report favorably bills for public buildings at Baltimore, Md., to cost $1,500,000; Butte, Mont., $300,000; Aberdeen, S. D., $100,000.

Pensions — California: Original—Amos Bowers, Boulder Creek; Lewis Rice, Santa Paula; Theodore Todd, Ventura. Increase — John Randall, Hanford; John Turrill, Whittier. Mexican War widow—Almire Cole, Downey. Washington: Increase—John Morrison, College Place.

The Alaskan boundary treaty has been reported in executive session by Senator Turpie. The report recommends the ratification of the treaty, with an amendment making it clear that the United States concedes none of its sea coast rights by accepting Mount St. Elias as the initial point for making the 141st meridian boundary line.

California pensions have been granted as follows: Original—Louis M. T. Rose of Garberville; Otto Mucklish of San Diego; William Craig of Soldiers' Home; Frederick Hill of Veterans' Home. Increase—Patrick Collins of Sacramento, James Morris of Soldiers' Home. Original, widows—Armenia Ogle of Biggs, Lida C. Pitcher of Princeton. Widows, Indian wars—Ellen Vannery of Oakland.

The President has sent the following nominations to the Senate: War—Colonel James F. Wade, Fifth Cavalry; Colonel John K. Mizner, Tenth Cavalry, and Colonel William M. Graham, Fifth Artillery, to be Brigadier-Generals. Treasury—John W. H. Ewing of Wisconsin to be Deputy Auditor. Navy—Commander Charles O'Neill, U. S. N., to be Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, with the rank of Commodore.

The Cabinet recently gave most of one day to a discussion of Cuba, including not only the methods of the distribution of relief to distressed Americans, but also to the general subject of the insurrection. As to the latter, everything appears to depend upon the conclusions reached by Mr. Calhoun. The President expects Mr. Calhoun will complete his mission in Cuba and be on his way back in a week or ten days.

The President has sent to the Senate the following nominations: William Haywood, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of the Legation and Consul-General of the United States at Honolulu, Hawaii; Wm. L. Penfield of Indiana, to be Solicitor of the Department of State; John K. Thompson, Marshal of the United States for the District of West Virginia; J. J. De Haven, United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

A Moving Lake of Ice.

A lake of ice 40 miles long, of varying width and enormous depth, moving at the rate of 60 feet a day—such is the Muir glacier, on the coast of northwestern Alaska.

Its surface is billowed into rounded hills and beetling precipices, like an ocean in a fierce gale. At its center it is splintered into turrets and pinnacles of amethyst, turquoise and sapphire tinted ice, with spires of dead white crystals. Countless crevasses of immense depth seam all its surface, and at the bottoms of these frightful gaps streams of pure, clear water find their way.

From this vast mass of ice gigantic icebergs constantly break away seaward as the glacier emerges from a narrow gateway into the open bay. So huge are these falls as to imperil ships miles out in the bay by the enormous waves they raise.

The World of Glitter.

Mr. Dinkelstein—Allow me to congratulate you. You have celebrated your silver wedding. You received many nice presents, I hope.

Mr. Dunkelheim — Ob, my guests seemed to be all mistaken. Judging by their presents, they must have thought I celebrated my silver plated wedding. —From the German.

Patents.

It costs $50 to take out a patent in Great Britain. In France a patent is issued for 15 years and is subject to an annual tax of $20. In America all patents are assignable by law, and a part interest may be assigned as easily as a whole.—Hardware.

SOME DISTINGUISHED VICTIMS OF THE PARIS FIRE HORROR.

THE Duchesse d'Uzes, leading patroness of the Parisian charity bazaar in which so many members of the French nobility were burned to death, has the reputation of being the wealthiest woman in France. She is also one of the noblest in point of blood. She is a daughter of the family of Rochechouart-Mortemart, and she was married at 19 to the Duc d'Uzes, who was one of the most eminent statesmen of his time. She was slightly injured in the fire. The Duchesse d'Alencon was the most distinguished victim of the fire horror. She was the sister of the Empress of Austria and a member by marriage of the royal family of France. Her widower is Prince Ferdinand of Orleans. She was born in the royal family of Bavaria and was 50 years old. She was married in 1868 to Prince Ferdinand. The Duc d'Aumale, a prince of the House of Orleans, was residing in the beautiful Mediterranean island and thither came the announcement of the tragic death of the Duchesse d'Alencon. She was the wife of the duke's nephew and the duchess and the old nobleman were closely attached—so closely, indeed, that the announcement of her death killed him instantly. Mme. Chevals, whose remains were easily identified among the bodies in the Palais de l'Industrie after the fire, was one of the leaders of the charity in the work of which she lost her life. Her husband, Gen. Chevals, has not cut much figure in recent affairs in France. Comtesse de Greffulhe was the wife of the noted conservative deputy. A French noble himself, he wedded in his own class, and the dead woman was a member of the ancient and distinguished family of the De la Rochefoucaulds. The Countess Greffulhe was one of the leaders of the aristocratic set in Paris, and her entertainments were among the most gorgeous of the Paris season. The Duchesse de la Torre, who escaped death, but who was severely burned, is one of the stateliest grandes dames of France. She was popular in the ultramontane set of French nobles who cling to church and crown in spite of the rank republicanism that surrounds them. Mme. George Eugene Haussmann, who perished, was the widow of the famous baron of that name, who was one of the foremost figures in French politics at the time of the second empire. Mme. Haussmann spent considerable time in writing a large part of the baron's memoirs, which were published in 1891.

BLACK HAWK.

The Chief of the Winnebagoes Will Visit the Iowa State Fair.

Black Hawk, the mighty chief of the Winnebagoes, will visit the Iowa State Fair this summer, if his health will permit. The chief is now 90 years old, and has not been in his customary

BLACK HAWK.

robust condition since he was stricken with paralysis some time ago. The aged warrior is the last of a famous line of fighters. He is a nephew of the original Black Hawk of the wars of 1832, and fought in the battle of Bad Ax. When the Indian forces were finally overthrown on the shores of the big Mississippi the young Sac warrior drifted northward, and soon became a noted hunter in the land of the Winnebagoes. His prowess and imperious ways soon made him the absolute master of a large band of the tribe, over which he has ruled for many years with an iron hand. He was present at the great council of the tribes which assembled on the return of the original Black Hawk. The young chief openly accused his powerful uncle of cowardice when he said that the white men were as countless as the sands of the rivers. When old Black Hawk dies he will leave no heir. His only son was killed three years ago in a fierce encounter with Jim Swallow, a stalwart brave of the Winnebagoes. Black Hawk will be the chief attraction at the Iowa State Fair, in case he is able to bear up under the unaccustomed journey.

A Southern Acadia.

There are but few counties in Georgia in this day of progress and development which have no railroads running through their borders, but Lincoln is one of them. Lincoln has no railroad, but she has what is better than a railroad. She has the name of being the most moral county in the State. Court is held in Lincoln twice a year, and each time it lasts only so long as the grand jury can make out some kind of report to submit as a matter of form.

There is never a court there which lasts longer than a day and a half. The jail, as a usual thing, stands open from year to year, and crime is a thing unknown in Lincoln. The people are peaceful, happy and contented. They make good crops from season to season, and have a good time one way or another throughout the year. In the summer they have their barbecue season, and in the autumn they indulge in the pleasures of neighborhood parties, dances and entertainments. In this way they have a good social time, and while they may be said by some to be side-tracked from this great world of business and activity, they are fully up with the great vanguard of American citizenship, and are doing their full part in the upbuilding of the country.

There is truly something picturesque about Lincoln County. It is the most delectable land the sun ever shone upon, to be sure.

Bogus Butter in France.

The French Chamber of Deputies has passed a very stringent measure by which it is made illegal for dealers in butter to keep oleo for sale, or vice versa; the fraudulent compositions are only to be sold at places especially assigned by the municipality of each town. Moreover, all boxes, firkins, or other packets containing oleo, must bear the word "margarine" in large characters, and a full description must be given of the elements employed in making the composition. In the retail trade all oleo must be placed in bags, on the outside of which are to be found a description of the article with the name and address of the vendor.

Full authority is given to the inspectors to enter butter factories and shops, and take specimens for analysis; in the event of the specimens being found pure the cost will be borne by the state. The penalties for an infraction of the new law will vary from six days to three months' imprisonment, and a fine of from twenty to one thousand dollars, while in the event of the same person being convicted a second time within a year the maximum fine will also be imposed. There will also be a heavy fine imposed on persons who place hindrance in the way of the inspectors.

Origin of Horseshoeing.

In the ninth century they began to shoe horses, but, strange to say, only in time of frost. King William I. introduced horseshoeing into England, and six horseshoes are on the coat of arms of the man to whom William gave vast estates for caring for his horses in this way.

MAP SHOWING RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT RAILWAY SYSTEM.

When Russia shall have completed the railway enterprises it has under way, together with those which it now has decided to inaugurate, it will not only have the vastest railway system in the world, but it will have paved the way for future territorial conquests. The Trans-Siberian Railway, which, when completed, will carry passengers from St. Petersburg and Moscow across Siberia and China to the very threshold of the American continent, now is completed between Tcheliabinsk and Irkoutsk. The line between Tcheliabinsk and St. Petersburg also is in operation, and that between Irkoutsk and Vladivostok is in course of construction. It is proposed to carry the same line down from Vladivostok into Korea. A not less ambitious project is that which contemplates bringing the Persian coast of the Indian ocean within reach of the Russian capital. To effect this the Government proposes to extend the Trans-Caucasian Railway from Tzaritzin over the mountains to Teheran and thence to the southern coast of Persia. With the two lines in operation, one may look forward to an unprecedented development of the resources of northern and western Asia and eastern Russia, while the strategic significance of a move which will enable Russia to place her troops on the coast of the Indian ocean in a week's time is by no means inconsiderable.

SHEAR NONSENSE

Tom—Is Maude's hair golden? Ted—No, it's plaited.—Yale Record.

He—Miss Peavick's age is telling upon her. She—What ingratitude!—Puck.

She—I think you had better send up another rat-trap, John. He—But I bought one only the other day. She—I know, but there is a rat in that one.—Tid-Bits.

Kind Old Lady—To what do you attribute your uncontrollable appetite for strong drink? Is it hereditary? Weary Walker—No, mum; it's thirst.—Philadelphia Record.

"Sawyer seems to think a good deal of himself." "I should say so; he has had Moorish curves cut in his office dorway so he can get his head in and out."—Chicago Record.

Mrs. Jobber—Too bad the new cook spoiled the steak; she is so young and inexperienced. Won't you be satisfied with a kiss instead, dear? Mr. Jobber—All right; call her in.—Judge.

"Why don't that European war you've been predicting right along come off, Mr. Sportly?" inquired his wife. "I suppose the kinetoscope people are not ready."—Detroit Free Press.

"Belinda, how do you treat a stupid man who admires you?" "Really, I don't know; when a man admires me I never do myself the injustice to consider him stupid."—Chicago Record.

"Mrs. Saver must feel that she was very extravagant in buying that new gown." "What makes you think so?" "She's begun to argue that it will be the cheapest in the end."—Chicago Journal.

"I hear that Judge Blucketts is studying mind-reading," said the lean lawyer. "If he gets proficient," said the fat lawyer, "he'll arrest the whole town for contempt of court."—Indianapolis Journal.

Herr Oil—Haf you heard dot dog of mine ate a tape-measure undt died? Herr Kut—I suppose he died py inches, nicht var? Herr Oil—Aber nit; he vent oudt in der alley und die py der yard.—Columbia Spectator.

Jones—Sillibub has a medicine which he declares is a sure cure for heart disease. Smith—Did it cure him? Jones—Yes; it gave him such a frightful attack of indigestion that he forgot all about his heart.—Harper's Bazar.

"J. Addison!" "Yes, your excellency?" "I hope that the agriculturists will appreciate the beginning of our efforts in their behalf." "In what way, sir?" "Well, in sending Hay to England."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Dr. Ende—There's nothing serious the matter with Patsy, Mrs. Mulcahey. I think a little soap and water will do him as much good as anything. Mrs. Mulcahey—Yis, docther, an' will Oi give itt' him befoor or afther his males?—Judge.

Mrs. Henpeck—Young Mrs. Bagley, who was married on last Thursday, tells me her husband left almost immediately for the West on a business trip. Henpeck (viciously—Yes; he writes me that he finds married life a very happy existence.—Philadelphia North American.

Parke—So strong is habit, they say a man's spirit goes right on doing the same thing after death that he did in life. Lane—That can't be true in your case. Parke—Why not? Lane—Look at the habit you have gotten into of shoveling the snow from your walk.—The Jester.

"Old man, you seem worried." "Worried is no name for it. Brown is coming around at 4 o'clock to pay me $15." "Think he may not come?" "Oh, he'll come all right; but Jones is due at 4:15 to try to collect $10 I owe him. Suppose he should get there just as I was being paid by Brown?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"Ah, yes," said the soulful young man, "I see signs of spring on every hand nowadays." "Why, I didn't know you'd noticed it," declared the landlady, as she threw a shawl over the horsehair lounge, through the seat of which a long spiral of heavy wire had worn its way.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

"I have always felt sorry for Noah," said the large-hearted man. "I don't see the need for it," said the man of the shrunken sympathies. "Looks to me as if Noah got off pretty well." "But just think of it. When the waters subsided there was not a soul left for him to ask, 'Now, what did I tell you?'"—Indianapolis Journal.

Mrs. Pawson—My sister is worried to death over her son Reginald. She wants him to enter the ministry, his father wants him to go into business, while Reginald himself has got his mind set on being an actor, and says nothing shall keep him from it. Mrs. Dawson—Hum—how old is he? Mrs. Pawson—He's going on 7.—Tit-Bits.

MARRIED EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS.

Aged Couple Whose Eldest Child Is Now 82 Years Old.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hiller, who live near La Grange, Ind., have just completed eighty-seven years of married life, and both bid fair to live a few years longer. Mr. Hiller is now 107 years old and his wife 105, and the little frame cottage they occupy has been their home for nearly eighty-five years. This house consists of one room, and this room contains all the aged couple's earthly possessions. Mr. Hiller is a vigorous looking man for his extreme old age. His hand is as strong and his step as firm as those of a man of 40. His eyes are bright and his long hair falls in unmixed whiteness almost to his shoulders. His wife has long since passed under the spell of old age. She is bent almost double with the weight of her years and is totally blind. "It's a caution," says Mr. Hiller, speaking of his age. "I never counted on living so long or anything like it." He tells how he was born in Jamestown, near Kingston, Canada. He was 22 years old when the war of 1812 came along, and he describes Canada as a very wild country in those years. The first year of the war he and his wife left Canada and settled near Marine City and went from there to Emmett, whence they came to their present home. They

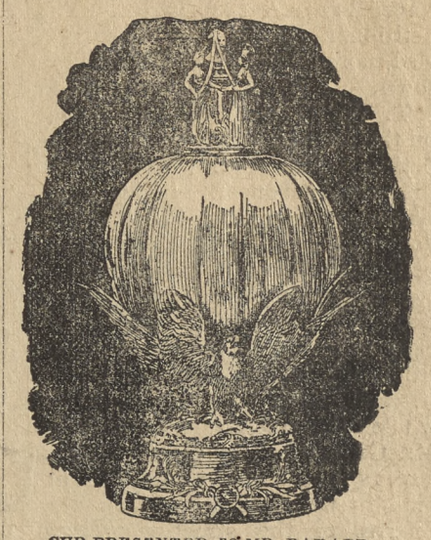
MR. AND MRS. JACOB HILLER.

were married when Mr. Hiller was 20 and his wife 18. With his old age have come symptoms of a second childhood, the most amusing and amazing of which is the cutting of two teeth lately. The old couple have eleven children—the eldest 82 and the youngest 57.

BAYARD'S GOLD CUP.

Presented to the Ex-Ambassador by the American Society in London.

The marvelous gold loving cup which was presented to Thomas Francis Bayard at the banquet tendered him in London by the American Society is a representation of the giant pumpkin given to Mr. Bayard by the United Service Club of New York City on Thanksgiving Day. The enormous vegetable was grown by Capt. Kramer, of the Third New York Cavalry. The cup's cover is surmounted by a portrait bust of the ex-Ambassador. On either side of the bust is a standing figure of Columbia and Britannia clasp-



CUP PRESENTED TO MR. BAYARD.

ing hands and bearing palm leaves, as signs of peace, which cross above the head of Mr. Bayard. The cup proper is of solid gold. Its base is of sterling silver and upon it, in relief, is a map of the United States. At the corners of the map are four eagles with outstretched wings, upon whose backs rest the golden cup. There is a wreath of Indian corn upon the bowl and within it appears the following inscription: "Presented to the Hon. Thomas Francis Bayard, first ambassador of the United States of America to the court of St. James, by the members of the American Society in London and other Americans in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in recognition of his exceptional service to his country and of his zealous work in strengthening the sentiments of mutual respect and affection which bind together the people of the two great English-speaking nations. London, May 7, 1897."

Anti-Tramp Cure a Success.

Since Winnebago County, Wisconsin, adopted the workhouse cure for tramps the number to be cared for has fallen from about 1,500 per month in the winter season to 75, and a saving to the county of some $1,000 a month has been effected.

Young man, stay with your mother as long as you can; you cannot deceive anyone else.

AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN.

Regular Meeting of the Trustees.

The Board Smothers a Petition Signed by Many Ladies.

There was not much interest manifested by the general public in last Monday's meeting of the Town Trustees. When the Board was called to order it had the meeting room all to itself. Later Mr. Harris and Joseph Arendt came in together, and were interested spectators throughout the session.

No one was present to say a word for the petition to relieve Main street from the presence of Chinatown, and although the Town Attorney made a verbal report as to what the law would allow in the premises nothing was done and the petition will be filed away and will finally be buried beneath the dust of ages.

Town Clerk Neal reported the collection of $77.90 for personal property taxes. The report of Treasurer Benedict showed a balance on hand of $1459.28. The receipts for May were $202.90. Marshal Head reported the collection of four liquor and one fruit peddler licenses.

The following claims were presented, approved and ordered paid: John Corcoran, street work, $1; R. Clark, street work, $5; James Gillis, sprinkling streets, $78; Ed. Head, salary, $35; J. H. Neal, salary and stamps, $16; J. R. Palmer, salary, $25; same, court fees, in appeal case of Donually, $8; William Brophy, copying transcript case of Donnally vs. Town of Pleasanton, $1.60.

Mrs. Annie Campbell was allowed a rebate of $22.40 on her liquor license on acconnt of having sold out her business.

Mrs. E. E. Hall, Mrs. M. E. Minick, Mrs. Hugh Sinclair, Mrs. J. Rathbone, Mrs. John Block, Annie Strong, and Mrs. Fred Snarey petitioned the Board to have Ray street sprinkled. The petitioners claimed that it is traveled more than any side street in town.

T. W. Harris threw cold water on the proposition as soon as the petition was read. "Just throw the bars down once," said Mr. Harris, addressing the Board, "and you will have nothing else but petitions of this kind to deal with."

Trustee Hortenstine and Nevis expressed themselves as being decidly in favor of granting the petition, if there was any way to do it, and that "if" knocked the whole thing out, as it was stated Mr. Gillis, chief engineer of the street sprinkler, has all he can attend to now. The petition was referred to the street committee and it may never be heard of again.

Street Superintendent Mendenhall reported that the executor of the Rose estate had promptly complied with the order to remove the hedge from the sidewalk on the Neal street side of the property.

J. H. Neal was appointed janitor of the town building at a salary of $5 per month to serve during the pleasure of the Board.

R. P. Smith of Altamont, who has purchased the Palo Alto restaurant, applied for a liquor license. His bond was approved, and action on the application went over under the rules.

A proposition was advanced to bridge the creek at intersection of Second and Spring streets, opposite the Brophy homestead. There was much discussion over the matter, the point being raised that if the Board would build the bridge how it would be paid for. Some thought the money would have to come out of the town funds, and others that it would have to to come out of the pockets of those directly interested in the project. These knotty questions were turned over to the Town Attorney for solution.

T. W. Harris attended the meeting in the interest of the bridge and was granted permission to address the board on the subject. He said the bridge was a most necessary thing and would benefit the whole town.

"Money put into it would be well spent," said Harris. "Where there is a will there is a way. If the Board has the will to build the bridge, the Town Attorney can find a way to get around any law that might stand in the way."

At this point Martin Donohue rose up in his might and entered a vigorous protest against the expenditure of town funds for the purpose stated.

"When we wanted some improvements down our way," said he, "the Town Board refused to help us out and the property owners had to pay for it out of their own pockets. It is not right or just that the town should build a bridge for the Second street people. If they want it they should pay for it themselves."

President Napier said the line would have to be drawn somewhere and he did not think the law gave the town the right to build bridges and pay for them out of the general funds.

Even Mr. Harris agreed that the line should be drawn, but, he said, the time to draw it is after the bridge is built. The matter was finally turned over to the Street Committee, but from the opinions expressed by the Board it is hardly likely that the bridge will be built unless the property owners interested put up for it.

J. N. Arendt informed the Board that Mr. H. Arendt was ready at any time to alter the porch around his building to meet the requirements of the town ordinances. The Street Committee will confer with him.

The Board adjourned to June 22d.

Bought "Billy Button."

The following from the Winter's "Independent" of June 12, indicates that the Pleasanton Stock Farm is still in business at the old stand: "Last Friday Kelly Briggs received a letter from the manager of the Pleasanton Stock Farm which contained a check for a good round sum, the price agreed upon for the purchase of the well-known trotting horse 'Billy Button.' The horse was taken on trial and the parties were so well satisfied with him that they concluded to purchase him. Billy Button will be sent east to race on the Montana and Eastern circuit. He is a horse of great promise and may bring his new owners many dollars in purse monies during the coming season."

Church Notices.

M. E. Church—There will be no meeting of the Epworth League this (Saturday) evening. Sunday school tomorrow at 10:45 a. m. Epworth League, 7:30 p. m. Regular services, 8 p. m.

Presbyterian Church—The pastor will continue morning and evening a series of sermons on "Christ's Sermon on the Mount." Morning subject, "Is the moral law still binding?" Evening subject, "The Christian versus the Scribe and Pharisee" Sunday school at 10:45 a.m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Hearst Coming.

Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst is expected to arrive in Pleasauton next week for an extended stay at her ranch south of town. Her horses and carriages arrived yesterday in a special car.

Bicycle Clubs Coming.

The bicycle clubs of Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose and Alameda have called club runs for Pleasanton for June 20th, the occasion of the big bicycle tournament.

—The Grand Jury indictment charging F. W. Pletz with bigamy has been dropped from the calendar of the Superior Court.

"They are dandies" said Thos. Bowers, of the Crocket, Texas. Enterprise, while writing about De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for sick headache and disorders of the stomach and liver. Cutler & Silver.

NEW TODAY.

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PERSONAL.

Mrs. A. Gardner has returned from a visit to Sacramento.

County Surveyor Musbaumer visited Pleasanton Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Palmtag of Haywards was the guest this week of Mrs. Geyser.

Ray Gilson of Oakland spent this week at the Gilson home in Pleasanton.

Miss Jennie Dotty of Livermore has been the guest of Miss Mabel Gilson.

R. S. Farrelly, a capitalist of San Leandro, was in town Tuesday and visited the Smith ranch.

Mrs. L. E. Ismert left Pleasanton yesterday for Grass Valley where she will make her future home.

C. B. White, connected with the custom house in San Francisco, visited his family here last Sunday.

Marshal Head and family are now comfortably located in their new home, corner Spring and First streets.

Henry Koeber, an extensive hay and grain dealer of Alameda, was in Pleasanton Tuesday laying in a supply of hay.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Arendt returned Tuesday from San Francisco and are now permantly located at the Geyser home, Main street.

Rev. Wilson, of the M. E. Church, returned to Pleasanton Monday with his bride, nee Miss Effie Palmer daughter of Rev. T. B. Palmer of Farmington.

Bruce Pickard has been seriously ill for the past two weeks. It was feared at one time that his sickness would develop into typhoid fever. The patient is now convalescent.

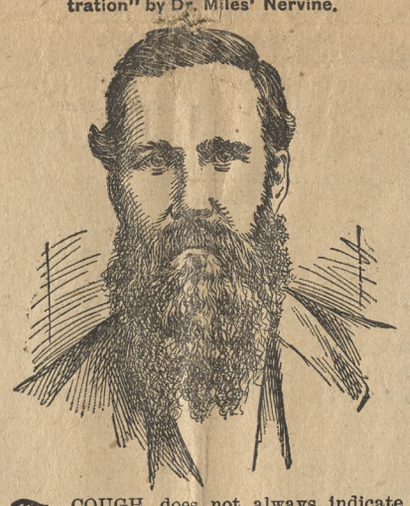
Mrs. Lena Welch, nee Palmtag, of Haywards whose romantic marriage recently was the subject of several newspaper articles, spent a few days this week in Pleasanton at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Geyser.

Joseph Cohn, who for fourteen years was connected with H. Arendt & Co., in the capacity of bookkeeper, has returned to California after four years absence in Germany. Mr. Cohn is stopping in San Francisco at present. He contemplates locating in Pleasanton again.

W. H. PALMER,

WATERLOO, IOWA.

"Saved From the Horrors of Nervous Prostration" by Dr. Miles' Nervine.



A COUGH does not always indicate consumption. Mr. W. H. Palmer, of Waterloo, Iowa, writes: "I was taken with a nervous stricture of the bronchial tubes, which developed into nervous prostration, I was so weak I could not sit up. I got no sleep for days except when under the influence of opiates. For four months I suffered agonies and prayed that I might die and be at rest. One physician said I had consumption, for I had a cough that gave me no rest. But a good old physician whose medicine had failed, advised me to use Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and I thank God that it has brightened my days, lengthened my life and saved me from the horrors of nervous prostration."

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The floral festival Thursday afternoon and evening proved to be the success anticipated. The members of the Ladies Aid Society, under whose auspices it was given. have a reputation of never doing things by halves. The church was decorated with flowers, and those who did not attend the affair missed one of the prettiest sights ever seen in Pleasanton.

In the evening the following program was rendered in superb style: Instrumental duet, Miss Beckwith and Mrs. Harris; vocal solo, Miss Fannie Hay; vocal duet, Mrs. Harris and L. C. Walter; recitation, Miss Kalisky; trio, Miss Cale, Bert Lewis and Charles Graham; whistling solo, Miss Covolt; reading, Mrs. Walter; vocal duet, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Walter; vocal solo, Master Allen Walter.

Following the program refreshments were served by Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Walter. The tables were decorated in pink and green and the effect was charming. The affair were well attended and the sum realized was beyond the expectations of the ladies.

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Money Telegraphed to all parts of the Country.

County Warrants Cashed.

Safe Deposit Boxes, for the safe keeping of Important papers and valuables, for rent at reasonable rates.

Retiring From Business

Merchandise Below Cost.

The undersigned intends to retire from business and everything in the line of Dry Goods, Notions, Ribbons, Men's Furnishing Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Wood and Willowware, Crockery, Lamps and glassware will be sold regardless of cost.

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PLEASANTON MEAT COMPANY

CENTRAL MEAT • MARKET

FINEST OF—

MEATS, SAUSAGE, HAMS, BACON, PICKELS, PIGS-FFET, TRIPE, CLAMS, ETC at San Francisco prices.

Central Market,

Wenig Building,

Neal Street, - - - - - - Pleasanton

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DEALERS IN

Wines, Liquors and Cigars

Cor. First and Lizzie Sts.,

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LOST.

On the 16th inst. a Diamond set Broach. Finder please return to this office or L. M. Lyster and receive reward.

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Every Size, Style and Kind For Sale by

PHILIP KOLB

MAIN STREET, PLEASANTON, CAL.

If you are not in need of wood just now he can sell you any thing in the line of

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AT PRICES THAT DEFY COMPETITION.

Ice Cold

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Five Cents a Glass

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CAREFULLY LAUNDRIED

Washing in Pleasanton called for Mondays and delivered Thursdays. Leave orders at Louis Giraud's, Main street.

A share of the patronage of the Pleasanton people is solicited. 5-8-tf

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You Want the Best.

Finest Cigars and Tobacco

In Town are kept by J. T. CARR at the POST OFFICE CIGAR STAND.

New and carefully selected stock of the very Best Brands.

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Only . . . The Best

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J. NEVIS, Proprietor.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Notice to Contractors

Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Pleasahton School District, for Painting Buildings oh the school grounds as per specification oh file with clerk of said district. Bids received until Saturday, June 12 at 12 o'clock m. The Board reserves the right to regect any or all bids.

GEO. F. GILSON,
Clerk of the Board of School Trustees of Pleasanton School District.
Dated at Pleasanton, May 12, 1897.

Notice to Contractors.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned, Clerk of Pleasanton School District Trustees, for kalsomining the interior of School Building, as per specification now on file with Clerk of said Trustees.

Bids received until Saturday, June, 12 at 12 o'clock M.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all Bids.

GEO. F. GILSON.
Clerk of School Board.
Dated, Pleasanton, May 24, 1897.

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